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Primary School

Home Learning Policy

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1 Aims and objectives

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- To use homework as a tool to help continue to raise standards of attainment.
- Improve the quality of the learning experience offered to pupils and to extend it beyond the classroom environment.
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning.
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for individual learning.
- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Numeracy and Literacy.
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- To prepare Year 6 pupils for the transfer to secondary school.

Note

Practising the basic skills of reading, times tables, number and phonics with your children is essential in ensuring they make the progress they should and achieve their potential; parental engagement is key. Reading daily with your child is an expectation, as is practising number skills. Reading targets set are expected to be supported at home and letters will be sent home to remind parents of this if these targets are not being met. The ability to read fluently is the key to all other aspects of learning.

However, thorough research shows that the benefits of weekly homework to primary age children, in the form of worksheets to be completed, is very limited. Quality time spent with your child at the weekend and in the evenings is essential – the stress of completing homework is not beneficial to family life. Longer projects based upon the curriculum may be set by teachers.

We will provide ideas for you to support your child's learning at home, these will be part of our Curriculum Maps which you will receive at the start of each term. A weekly sheet describing the learning happening in the classroom the following week is also sent home, so parents can help practice skills with their children.

Year 6 children may well have homework set to aid transition to Year 7.

The governing body reviews this policy every two years. The governors may, however, review the policy earlier than this if the government introduces new regulations, or if the governing body receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved.

Policy Review Sheet

Please note any comments or suggested amendments on this sheet. You may also choose to complete your comments in confidence on a separate piece of paper. Please add your initial to any comments.

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